

## HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA

## REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS RESTRICTED TO NON-CLINICAL PRACTICE

The Minister of Health has, in terms of section 18 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and in consultation with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, made the regulations in the Schedule.

## SCHEDULE

## Definitions

1. In these Regulations any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, shall bear such meaning, and, unless inconsistent with the context -

**“board”** means the Professional Board for Psychology established in terms of section 15(1) of the Act;

**“council”** means the Health Professions Council established in terms of section 2 of the Act;

**“ill-health”** means a physical or mental condition falling within the international classification of disorders which has a direct or an indirect impact on the physical and/or psychological functioning of a practitioner;

**“non-clinical practice”** means a practice that does not involve the management of individuals or groups by :

- (a) taking the medical history of a patient or group;
- (b) administering or interpreting or both administering and interpreting psychometric tests;
- (c) rendering psychotherapeutic or counselling services; and

- (d) performing any other function that falls within the scope of practice of a psychologist or psychometrist engaged in clinical practice;

“**psychologist**” means a person registered as such under this Act, and for the purpose of these regulations, also includes a registered counsellor, a psychometrist and a psychotechnician;

“**section**” means a section of the Act; and

“**the Act**” means the Health Professions Act, 1974(Act No. 56 of 1974)

### **Establishment of a registration category for non-clinical practice**

2. A registration category for psychologists who are restricted to non-clinical practice in psychology is hereby established.

### **Registration in the category non-clinical practice**

3. The registrar may register any person who is registered as a psychologist under the Act in the category non-clinical practice, if such a person-

- (a) applies to be registered in that category;
- (b) submits an affidavit that he or she is not practising as a psychologist;
- (c) failed to comply with the requirements contemplated in section 26 of the Act;
- (d) is restricted in terms of the regulations made under section 51 of the Act by the health committee of the council to non-clinical practice due to the nature and severity of his or her impairment;
- (e) is unable to practise his or her profession due to ill-health.

### **Limited involvement in health care matters**

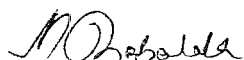
4. A psychologist registered in the category non-clinical practice may not be involved in acts specified in section 37(2) of the Act but may be engaged in providing advice in health care matters.

**Restoration to any other register**

5. A psychologist registered in the category non-clinical practice may apply to the board to have his or her name restored to a register for which he or she qualifies, subject to compliance with the requirements and conditions which may be specified by the board for such restoration.

**Exemption from compliance with requirements of continuing professional development**

6. A psychologist registered in the category non-clinical practice shall be exempted by the board from complying with the requirements of continuing professional development.



MINISTER OF HEALTH